

FIRE AGAIN THREATENS U. S. TREASURY BUILDING AT AN EARLY HOUR TODAY

Damage Is Estimated at \$75,000 — President and Mrs. Harding Watch Flames From White House Window — Public Denied Admission.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 3.—For the second time in three months, firemen early today battled with a stubborn fire on the roof of the Treasury Department, which for a time assumed menacing proportions as the flames, leaping through a long superstructure, burned high in the air and cast a threatening glow on the White House itself, while sparks wafted across to its surrounding terrace.

When discovered about 1:45 p. m., the flames already had gained considerable headway and were soaring to a height of 30 or 40 feet when fire apparatus, responding to five alarms, arrived at the scene. Gaining impetus from the roof, the fire, spreading to the structure which formed the central portion of the building, was spreading to parts of the central portion of the roof. Unofficial estimates, however, place the damage at not more than \$75,000, although it was not known whether this adequately took into account the possible damage from water which it was believed might be considerable in the central portion of the building.

Awakened by White House attendants, President and Mrs. Harding dressed and from a window watched the firemen battle the flames in the nearby structure.

When checked after about 30 minutes effort, the flames had burned entirely through one section of the superstructure which tops the section of the building that divides the court and had spread to parts of the central portion of the roof. Unofficial estimates, however, place the damage at not more than \$75,000, although it was not known whether this adequately took into account the possible damage from water which it was believed might be considerable in the central portion of the building.

Firemen had been on the scene only a few minutes when a cordon of about 50 marines was thrown around the building.

The general public and representatives of the press alike were denied permission to pass within the line, which had made it difficult at an early hour today to ascertain the exact extent of the damage. Under Secretary of the Treasury Clifford was early on the scene to take charge of the protection of the building.

The blaze apparently was of much the same nature as that which occurred on the Treasury roof during office hours, when hundreds of employees were in the building, on last February 8. This was extinguished without heavy damage, although a threatening blaze resulted from the burning of much scaffolding and some of the new roof structure.

Cotton Market

SPOT COTTON CLOSED AT TWENTY CENTS

NEW YORK, May 3.—Cotton futures closed strong.

May 1974 to 1980; July 1202; to 1985; October 1912 to 1915; December 1919 to 1925; January 1902 to 1904; March 1905 to 1914. Spots 29 cents.

NEW YORK, May 2.—11:47 a. m. bids. May 19.61; July 18.74; October 18.80; December 18.82; January 18.67. Steady.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Profit taking continued heavy with July contracts selling off to 18.68 and October to 18.73 or about 17 to 27 points net lower on the general list. There was some weekly report by the Weather Bureau, however, and fluctuations later were extremely nervous and irregular. It is reported that sales of fertilizer to the end of April show an increase of about 8.2 per cent as compared with last year. The weekly weather report was quite as bullish as expected, but failed to bring in much fresh buying, the market being comparatively quiet with July ruling around 18.77 and October 18.84 shortly after midday.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Overnight buying orders caused a further advance of 2 to 14 points in the cotton market at the opening today which was encouraged by reports of further rains in parts of Texas, Arkansas and central belt sections.

All months made new high records for the movement with July selling at 19.00 and October at 19.10, but these prices brought in heavy general realizing causing reactions of several points after the call. The trade appeared to be looking for a bullish weekly report from the Weather Bureau, but there was probably some selling on a belief that it had been discounted and hope of gradually clearing conditions in the southwest. Liverpool just about met yesterday's local advance with private cables reporting trade buying and covering on bullish crop advices.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 12c Cotton Seed 57c

CITY COUNCIL ASKS FOR RESIGNATION CHIEF ORR

Action Has Been Contemplated For Some Time—Adderholdt Is Appointed Acting Chief Until Successor Is Named—Another Meeting Tonight.

At a meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening the resignation of Chief of Police J. E. Orr was requested by the council. Officer Adderholdt was appointed as acting chief until a successor to Chief Orr could be elected. Present at the meeting were Messrs. D. A. Garrison, B. H. Parker, G. R. Spencer, and D. M. Jones. Mayor Chery was absent in Dallas on legal business.

It is understood that this action has been in contemplation for many weeks by the city council. For some time it has been understood that pressure had been brought to bear upon the city council regarding the alleged laxity in the enforcement of

the law in Gastonia, and this action came as a result. The council meeting was further enlivened by a near-tilt between City Manager Alexander and Mr. W. N. Davis, regarding the laying of a sewer line through Mr. Davis' property in the Southern part of the city. It is understood that only the intervention of bystanders prevented a few licks between the men.

Another meeting of the city council will be held tonight at 7 o'clock at which time it is expected that Mr. Orr will be present to state his case to the council. Members of the council declare, however, that the action of last night is final and unequivocal, and that their ruling stands.

Disarmament Question Bobs Up In Session Genoa Conference

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GENOA, May 3.—The disarmament question bobbed up today in a plenary session of the Genoa conference.

Walter Rathenau, the German Foreign Minister, said the world's trade must be doubled before conditions could be bettered, but that this could not be done while the nations were "jumping at each other's throats."

Foreign Minister Tchitcherine, of Soviet Russia, declared in a plea for general disarmament:

"Only by a policy of peace can the nations balance their budget." He said Russia must insist upon reservations to the report of the financial commission of the conference as it carried provisions concerning the League of Nations, which Russia did not recognize. He added that Russia could not agree to renounce government control over exchange operations.

Sir Lansing Worthington Evans, president of the financial commission's report, which he termed as important to the world as was the Justinian code. Stabilizing of the purchasing power of gold could not be accomplished without American cooperation, he said.

The report, which was adopted, contains numerous resolutions, among which is a recommendation that the Bank of England call a meeting of the central banks of issue to regulate credit policy and study currency reform. The resolutions also urge an international financial convention to centralize and coordinate the demand for gold, which should be adopted as the standard for European currencies.

The report of the transport commission was adopted and then the session adjourned.

Richard Washburn Child, the American Ambassador, was among the visitors at the session.

Interest in the plenary session of the conference today was overshadowed by yesterday's developments, when Belgium bolted the sub-commission framing the final draft of the Russian memorandum and the French announced they were obliged to withhold final approval of the document until they heard from Paris.

The Belgian's action was because of their dissatisfaction with the clause in the memorandum dealing with the restoration of foreign owned property in Russia nationalized by the Soviet Government.

The memorandum is in the hands of the Soviet delegation. It contains France's amendment to the property clause, which the Frenchmen hope will satisfy the Belgians' objections to the article as originally compiled, but it was delivered to the Russian plenipotentiaries with a covering letter carefully explaining that the French delegates reserved final approval of the entire document until they obtained direct authority from their government.

Prime Minister Lloyd George has also announced that Great Britain's approval depends upon France's. The amendment adopted is calculated to strengthen the guarantees of the former owners of property in Russia that they will be able either to get their property back directly or to have an equitable share in the companies controlling it, if such are formed. Belgium held out for a more definite restoration, and France has supported this position throughout the negotiations.

The object of today's plenary session was to receive the reports of the financial and transport commissions which have sought to devise projects for improving conditions in Europe falling under their heads.

FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SUPPLIES FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Agent R. W. Hunsinger, of the American Railway Express Company, this morning stated to The Gazette that his company would accept for free transportation all donated clothing and other supplies for destitute sufferers on the Mississippi river when same are consigned to recognized organized relief committees.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH PLEASED LARGE AUDIENCE

Local Talent Play Presented Under Direction of Community Service Pleas Excellent Talent and Training — Neat Sum Realized for Public Library.

Without question the best amateur performance so far presented in Gastonia was given at the Central school auditorium last night when Community Service presented "Nothing But The Truth," a three-act comedy, with an entire local talent cast. A large and appreciative audience was present and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the performance. It was given for the benefit of the Gastonia Public Library and a neat sum was realized.

George A. Gray as Robert Bennett, the young man who on a ten thousand dollar wager, told the truth for twenty-four hours, and George R. Coker as E. M. Ralston, the big business man whose daughter, Genevieve, was Bennett's fiancée, were the star performers. Though every other member of the cast did his or her part to perfection and won the applause of the audience, A. G. Mangum played the part of Bishop Doran splendidly while Roger Grier as Clarence Van Dusen, and John K. Gray as Richard Donnelly, partners of Ralston in the brokerage business, carried their parts in such a manner as to give the impression that it was an every day business with them. Miss Pauline Shuford as Ethel Clark, Mrs. D. H. Williams as Genevieve Ralston, Miss Sarah Hood as Sarah Jackson, Miss Genevieve Boone as Mabel Jackson and Miss Lucie Watkins as Martha, the maid, all exhibited splendid histrionic ability. Miss Blanche Heisterman who played the part of Mrs. Ralston, for which place Mrs. Marian Duff was originally cast, exhibited dramatic ability of a high order. Mrs. Duff is unable to appear because of duties at the Orthopaedic Hospital, where she is a member of the staff.

To Miss Heisterman, recreational director of Community Service, is due the credit for training the cast and the excellence of her work in this line was evidenced by the splendid manner in which every member of the cast played every part. The play itself was a comedy of many laughs and afforded much entertainment.

MUCH DISTRESS IN THE STRICKEN FLOOD AREAS

NATCHEZ, Miss., May 3.—Many families in the inundated areas of Louisiana have limited food supplies and unless they come to the refugee camps or rations are sent to them soon they will be real suffering, declared H. B. Connor, member of the state flood relief committee, today. Mr. Connor protested against the requirement of the Red Cross that refugees shall be assembled in camps to receive food supplies, and said "unless relief is sent it will cause four thousand people in Concordia parish alone to suffer within the next few days." Those persons, he stated, are reluctant to leave their homes for fear of being conscripted to sacrifice their belongings and find must be sent them.

Planners of the flooded zone asked the tenants being taken to concentration camps on the ground that there is danger of them being entrained away by labor agents and the rehabilitation of the country after the flood water subsided entirely.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, cloudy with occasional light showers tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.

CALIFORNIA COW PRODUCES 40 POUNDS BUTTER IN 7 DAYS

DELAN, Wis., May 3.—Forty pounds of butter in seven days is the production record just announced for a California cow by Malcolm H. Gardner, superintendent of testing for the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. The cow is Miss Aggie Ormay Segis, a registered Holstein owned by Fred Hartsook, Lankershim, Cal. Her milk production during the seven days was 644.9 pounds. The test was supervised by the California Agricultural College, the California State Association and the National Holstein Association.

Miss Aggie established a world's record over all breeds for two year olds several months ago, producing in ten months 22,088 pounds of milk, yielding 834.7 pounds of butter, it was stated. The daily average for the ten months' test was more than 70 pounds of milk a day, or more than 35 quarts every twenty-four hours. She freshened for her last record the last days of March, only a few months after completing the ten months' record, the announcement stated. Less than fifty cows have produced 40 pounds of butter a week, according to records of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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CLEVELAND WOMAN SUSPECTED OF MURDERING THREE HUSBANDS TO COLLECT \$11,000 LIFE INSURANCE — HAD BEEN MARRIED FIVE TIMES—BODY IS BEING EXAMINED.

(By The Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., May 3.—While the city chemist was examining a body taken from the canal body of one of her five husbands, County Prosecutor Edward C. Stanton planned today to question again a woman suspected of a series of murders in order to collect \$11,000 insurance. Three of her husbands died suddenly under mysterious circumstances. She was divorced from the first two she married.

Records of poison sales in March, April and May, 1921, were being checked by the police today in an effort to find evidence that the woman purchased poison during those months. The records were gathered from every east side drug store at the suggestion of the prosecutor.

The woman under suspicion was questioned for an hour yesterday by Stanton and his assistants. She denied that she had caused the death of any of her husbands. Several of her acquaintances also were questioned.

Charges that the woman had told them that she had expressed a desire for her husband's death so that she might get the insurance were made by two of those questioned, according to Stanton. It was the body of this husband which was exhumed yesterday.

Persons who know the woman were suspicious when he died, they said, because she attended parties and acted hilariously right after his death. The night before his death, he remarked to her, she had expressed a desire for his death. The woman maintains that this husband was suffering from the effects of being gassed overseas. No evidence of this is found in his will record.

If an examination of his organs to find trace of poison, Stanton said, a charge of murder will be placed on his widow. No report of the analysis, however, is expected for several days.

BOSTON MAN SHOOT WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

(By The Associated Press.) NEWTON, MASS., May 3.—A husband, other than because he is the locally known William B. Powell, who in the Boston district for R. D. & Co., shot and killed his wife and himself last night, was still being held. A coroner's jury was called to pass on the Powell murder this afternoon.

Mrs. Powell, before she was shot, had been several years married to the widow of R. H. White, president of the local merchant store business. Powell, which bears his name, had been originally in a general store in Newton, Mass., but had moved to Boston in 1914.

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SENATOR CARAWAY MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST ATTY. GENERAL DAUGHERTY

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 3.—Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, charged in the Senate that Attorney General Daugherty fired all the honest inspectors in his department who wanted to prosecute government swindlers and put into office a physician who helped get a fraudulent doctor for Charles W. Morse.

FIGHTING ON 100-MILE FRONT FROM PEKING TO TIENTSIN

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PEKING, May 3.—The Fengtien army under General Chang Tso-Lin has, for the moment, at least, successfully withstood the drive on Chansin, and stopped General Wu Pei-Fu's movement toward Peking. The cost, however, has been heavy, and Changtiao is filled with wounded, many of whom are dying for lack of medical attention.

While Chang has succeeded in this action, there has been no apparent advantage of consequence for either side in the general fighting along the one hundred mile front from here to Tientsin, and both commanders are making preparations in preparation for a decisive action.

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where large forces of General Chang's troops are concentrated under the command of the Manchurian leader's twenty-five year old son.

Wu Pei-Fu's drive toward Tientsin is designed to isolate Chang Tso-Lin's forces by cutting their line between Tientsin and Taku, on the sea. Success of this move also would result in the cutting off of General Chang's 40,000 men north of Tientsin. Meanwhile three Chinese cruisers are engaged in an attempt to destroy the Mukden railroad at Shanghai Kwan.

Fighting has been resumed south of the Peking wall. A terrific explosion this morning shook the windows of the city. It was attributed to the destruction of an arsenal by bombs dropped from airplanes operating for General Chang's army.

Admiral Joseph Strauss, commander of the American Asiatic fleet, after a conference with Minister Selarman, ordered the gunboat Wilmington to proceed immediately from Hong Kong to Tientsin. The foreign vessels now at Tientsin include three Japanese torpedo boats, a British submarine tender, a French gunboat and an Italian gunboat. They will guard the Pei-Ho, the river running inland from Taku to Tientsin.

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HIGHS TO PLAY MOUNT HOLLY SECOND GAME

Weather Permitting Second Game Will Be Played Today, Minus Services of Skidmore, Who Is Ineligible.

It was learned here late last night that the Mount Holly Gastonia high school game, played at Mt. Airy on Monday, has been thrown out of the western championship schedule among the state prep schools.

Mount Holly was the contest by a score of 4 to 0. However the game was played on the grounds that a Mount Holly player was not eligible to perform in the series, the state rules laid down by the University of North Carolina being quoted by the protesting parties.

Facts were brought out that Lee Skidmore, Mount Holly's first baseman, had received more than expenses for playing on the Shelby semi-pro league team last summer.

Through communication with the league promoters it was learned the above was verified.

Following this disclosure the Gastonia high school athletic officials made the Riverside two prep schools. They would either forfeit the game or come to Gastonia and play another game at the Liberty ball game. Although this was considered as fair as could be expected under the circumstances, many a friendly argument passed before an agreement was finally reached.

How it was when the game started away, the second proposition was decided upon, so weather permitting the game will be played again Wednesday afternoon on the local grounds.

Meanwhile D. C. Gentry's hold was romped on the Mount high last Monday but his lack of success also they will have to play Friday.

BEVERIDGE IS LEADING NEW IN SENATE VOTE

(By The Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3.—With apparent ease Beveridge in the Senate yesterday led the Republican Senate nomination in Indiana by 5,250 over a substantial tabulation of the vote from 124 of the State's 3,382 precincts 2,248 for Beveridge, 81,500, and New 72,914.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3.—Feeling Senator Albert J. Beveridge continued to increase his lead today over Senator Harry S. New in the Republican contest for the nomination for United States Senator, almost every leading Republican in the Indiana Senate yesterday voted for Beveridge.

For 1,247 of the 3,382 precincts in the state, Beveridge had a total vote of 60,217 against 63,644 for New.

In the Democratic Senatorial contest Samuel M. Ralston, former governor, had received 49,489 votes in 719 precincts. Dr. Jesse Sanders was second with 40,017 votes, with three other candidates trailing.

S. C. SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO INTERVENE IN THE CASE OF GAPPINS

C. O. Fox and S. J. Kirby Have Appeals Pending Which Also May Be Dismissed — Attorneys Are Warned They Must Not Interfere With Justice on Technicalities.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 2.—In a peremptory order handed down late this afternoon the state supreme court dismissed the appeal of Jesse Gappins, one of the trio of murderers of William C. Brazell, a young taxicab driver of this city, under sentence of death in the state penitentiary, and remanded Gappins to the court of general sessions of Lexington county for sentence some time this month.

The two other convicted murderers, S. J. Kirby and C. O. Fox, have appeals pending before the supreme court, and Solicitor Callison, of the eleventh judicial circuit, announced that he shortly would request the court to dismiss them also.

The appeal of Gappins was on the ground that the grand jury which brought the true bill against him was not sworn, and therefore his trial was illegal.

During the course of the argument on the case before the court this morning Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary took occasion to warn attorneys at the bar against bringing appeals on technicalities in an effort to defeat justice. He said that with the crime wave sweeping the state, attorneys who take advantage of minute technicalities were arraying themselves with the "forces of lawlessness."

Must Stop Crime Wave. He said that when criminals from other states are coming into South Carolina, stealing automobiles and committing burglaries, he proposed to use the utmost diligence in refusing to grant bail and giving them opportunities to defeat the law. It is the duty and the province of the courts, he declared, to do everything in their power to see that the fortress of the law and the civilization of the state are not breached by criminal advance.

The chief justice issued a solemn warning from the bench that if it is necessary to stop appeals on frivolous technicalities, offending attorneys would be held before the supreme court to answer cause as to why they should not be disbarred as unfit practitioners of their profession.

The killing of William C. Brazell happened on the highway between Columbia and Lexington last summer. It was proved at the trial by the testimony of the accused that Brazell was hired to drive Kirby, Fox and Gappins, and that they murdered him to gain possession of his automobile. The brutality of the crime and the ghastly circumstances surrounding it caused an upsurge of indignation and several mobs attempted to lynch the accused men. They were sentenced to death by Judge Thomas S. Sease, at Lexington, but their executions have been stayed by appeals.

The following is the order signed by the full personnel of the court this afternoon, destroying the last hope of Gappins:

"This is an application by the solicitor of the eleventh circuit, under rule No. 39, to dismiss the appeal in the above stated case upon the ground that the exceptions above are manifestly without merit.

"The sole ground of appeal is that it does not appear from the record in the office of the clerk of court of general sessions of Lexington county that the grand jury which found the true bill against the defendant was sworn. Aside from the well established rule that all things are presumed to have been done regularly unless the contrary appears, which would alone be sufficient to show that the appeal is manifestly without merit, the authorities are overruling that a motion to quash the indictment upon such a ground must be made before plea and trial on the merits. See state vs. Boyd 58, S. C., 332; state vs. Edgerton, 68 S. C., 319; state vs. Smith, 74 S. C., 516.

Appeal Dismissed. In the case of ex parte Wilson 140 S. C., 272, it is said: 'A defect in the constitution or organization of a grand jury which does not prevent the presence of 12 competent jurors by whose votes the indictment is found, and which could have been cured if the attention of the court had been called at that time or promptly remedied by the proposing of a competent grand jury, is waived if the defect in all things are presumed to have been done regularly unless the contrary appears, which would alone be sufficient to show that the appeal is manifestly without merit, the authorities are overruling that a motion to quash the indictment upon such a ground must be made before plea and trial on the merits. See state vs. Boyd 58, S. C., 332; state vs. Edgerton, 68 S. C., 319; state vs. Smith, 74 S. C., 516.

WOMEN ARE SWINDLING DYING SOLDIERS AT OTEEN

Veterans at Kenilworth and Oteen Are Not Immune — Bureau at Washington Has Taken Cognizance of Matter and Ordered Investigation.

ASHEVILLE, May 2.—Chief M. P. McInerney, of the special investigating section of the United States veterans' bureau, Washington, who has been in Asheville and vicinity for the purpose of investigating the reported schemes employed, particularly by women, to obtain the insurance money of soldiers at Oteen and Kenilworth hospitals, tonight stated he could not give out any names of those involved by the investigation, but stated he would make his report direct to Colonel Forbes, director of the veterans' bureau, and that action would be taken by the director.

It is alleged that persons, the cases investigated involving women only, have by various and sundry methods induced men, while on their death bed, to make wills designating all their property and insurance carried with the government and otherwise over to them. This practice is said to have existed in several of the government hospitals, and the veterans' bureau has expressed a determination to exterminate such schemes of swindling the parents, wives and relatives out of money, which would have accrued to them, had not the sinister nature of prevailing persons scyold the good intentions of dying veterans while in weakened condition mentally and physically.

TRIAL OF COAL MINERS IN PROGRESS AT CHARLESTON

(By The Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, W. VA., May 2.—"Oh to Mine!" was the cry of the armed men who battled with state forces on the Logan Boone county line last fall, according to D. H. Morton, of Charleston, an officer of several coal companies, who testified today in the trial of William Blizard, officer of the United Mine Workers, on a charge of treason.

Morton told the jury that while visiting his mines at the time of the march he traveled on a train with a number of armed men and two women were clad in "mourning red cross uniforms."

The nurses' caps, he said, bore the initials "M. W. A." On a later trip to his mines, Morton declared he observed no business among the working miners which culminated in the closing of his plants at Leasdale and Amalgam.

Alva Estep, a miner, asked him for guns and ammunition, but he refused, Morton said. Making the request, he continued, Estep said "we can't stay at home." "We have to go when our men have been shot down in our own precinct."

Romeo Craig, a miner who testified yesterday that he was wounded in the mountains near Jeffrey during the fighting, was called for cross examination. He testified that he did not see Blizard or C. M. Kenney or Fred Mooney, union officers, who are defendants in other indictments.

MISS MCCORMICK DOES NOT ANSWER MAX OSER

PARIS, May 3.—Max Oser is surprised at the failure of Miss Mathilde McCormick, his fiancée, to answer his cable messages, and disappointed because she did not appear in Zurich last month when he expected her, according to a Zurich dispatch to The Herald.

The former riding master declines, however, to discuss reports of an estrangement with John D. Rockefeller's grand daughter, to whom he became engaged prior to her departure from Switzerland a few months ago.

Oser said he had addressed several messages to the Lake Shore home of the McCormicks in Chicago, but had received no reply. He believed, however, that this might be due to the fact that Miss Mathilde was at present traveling in Virginia.